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PRINCE, SAN JOSE, SAN SALVADOR, TEGUCIGALPA

State-ICA-Defense Message for Ambassador, USOM Director, & MAAG
Chief.

Senate Special Committee studying the Mutual Security Program is retaining distinguished citizens as consultants to make field studies in various areas. Mr. James Minotto (see CA-3981, of November 8) has been designated to make this study in Central America and the Caribbean areas. He will visit Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico. He will be accompanied by Mr. Harold Lamar of the Library of Congress, who is attached to the Senate Foreign Relations staff for this study and will act as Mr. Minotto's assistant. Mr. Minotto will submit a report to the Committee on the fundamental aims of American foreign policy in the area, the extent to which these aims are promoted by the Mutual Security Program, and his recommendations for changes, if any. He will be concerned with all substantive and administrative aspects of both the military and non-military programs. Mr. Minotto will be given a short general briefing in Washington by ARA, ICA, and Defense. It is contemplated that he will be provided with all necessary details in the field. He will not carry classified documents with him.

The Executive Branch regards the Senate study as highly important and wishes the utmost cooperation with the consultants. All Country Teams are requested to provide the fullest assistance in their studies and to make appropriate reports to the Department, Defense, and ICA -- see ICATO Circulars 14 and 15. Missions should meet and assist, arrange and confirm accommodations, plan local briefings, visits with key officials, and field surveys of major mutual security program projects. Mr. Minotto also wishes to have the opportunity for discussions with U.S. newsmen, missionaries, businessmen, etc., individually or in small groups to obtain points of view from non-official observers. (see note on page 3)

All Country Teams are requested to prepare tentative schedules. Havana is requested to send its proposed schedule to the Department no later than November 13. Other posts are requested to send their proposed schedules to Havana for Mr. Minotto's approval.

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Mr. Minette and Mr. Lamar have top secret security clearances. Information and documents to be made available to them should follow the pattern of treatment of visiting Congressional groups. They are authorized to use local currencies where available from Congressional travel account 19FT561. Both are authorized to sign receipts. The use of attache aircraft in accordance with Air Force regulation 76-6, paragraph 6E is authorized by the Department of Defense. Congressional handbook applies. An outline prepared by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for surveys by its consultants is also being pouched separately. (CA-3746).

Mr. Minette's and Mr. Estelino Lamar's itinerary follows:

Nov. 15 Lv. Washington 11:45 a.m., NAL #409
Ar. Miami 3:10 p.m.

Nov. 15 Lv. Miami 5:40 p.m., PAA #434
Ar. Havana 6:40 p.m.

Nov. 16 Lv. Havana 6:15 a.m., CU #468
Ar. Camaguey 8:15 a.m.

Nov. 20 Lv. Camaguey 11:00 a.m., PAA #431
Ar. Port au Prince 3:00 p.m.

Nov. 22 Lv. Port au Prince 3:30 p.m., PAA #431
Ar. Ciudad Trujillo 4:20 p.m.

Nov. 25 Lv. Ciudad Trujillo 4:00 p.m., PAA #433
Ar. Caracas 7:40 p.m.

Nov. 26 Lv. Caracas 9:00 a.m., PAA #516
Ar. Panama 1:20 p.m.

Nov. 29 Lv. Panama 8:00 a.m., PAA #502
Ar. San Jose 8:30 a.m.

Dec. 2 Lv. San Jose 8:40 a.m., PAA #502
Ar. Managua 9:40 a.m.

Dec. 5 Lv. Managua 9:50 a.m., PAA #502
Ar. Tegucigalpa 10:35 a.m.

Dec. 7 Lv. Tegucigalpa 6:45 p.m., TACA #400
Ar. San Salvador 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 9 Lv. San Salvador noon, PAA #502
Ar. Guatemala 12:40 p.m.

Dec. 13 Lv. Guatemala 1:10 p.m., PAA #502
Ar. Mexico City 3:50 p.m.

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Dec. 18 Lv. Mexico City 7:55 a.m., AAL #154
Ar. Washington 8:30 p.m.

NOTE

Mr. Minette would like to have most evenings free or half day at end of each visit to organize notes on trip. Request social functions be kept to minimum. Party will not carry formal clothes.

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